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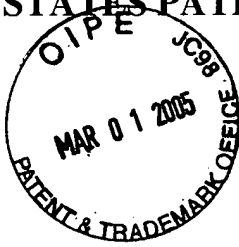
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Sir:

**RENEWED REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF NOTICE OF  
ALLOWABILITY**

Further to the telephonic interchange held January 25, 2005, Applicants are still waiting for a promised written communication which confirms that Claims 10-14 and 16-18 are allowed (as correctly indicated on the Notice of Allowability mailed December 2, 2005). The request is made to correct/clarify the statement appearing in the Examiner's Amendment on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability under item no. 2, claims 12-14 and 16-18 are indicated as allowed. Please clarify that claims 10-14 and 16-18 are in fact the allowed claims. Clarification is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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